

In Memory of My Mother

*You were a precious gift from God above,
so much beauty, grace and love.*

*You touched our hearts in so many ways,
your smile so bright even on the bad days.*

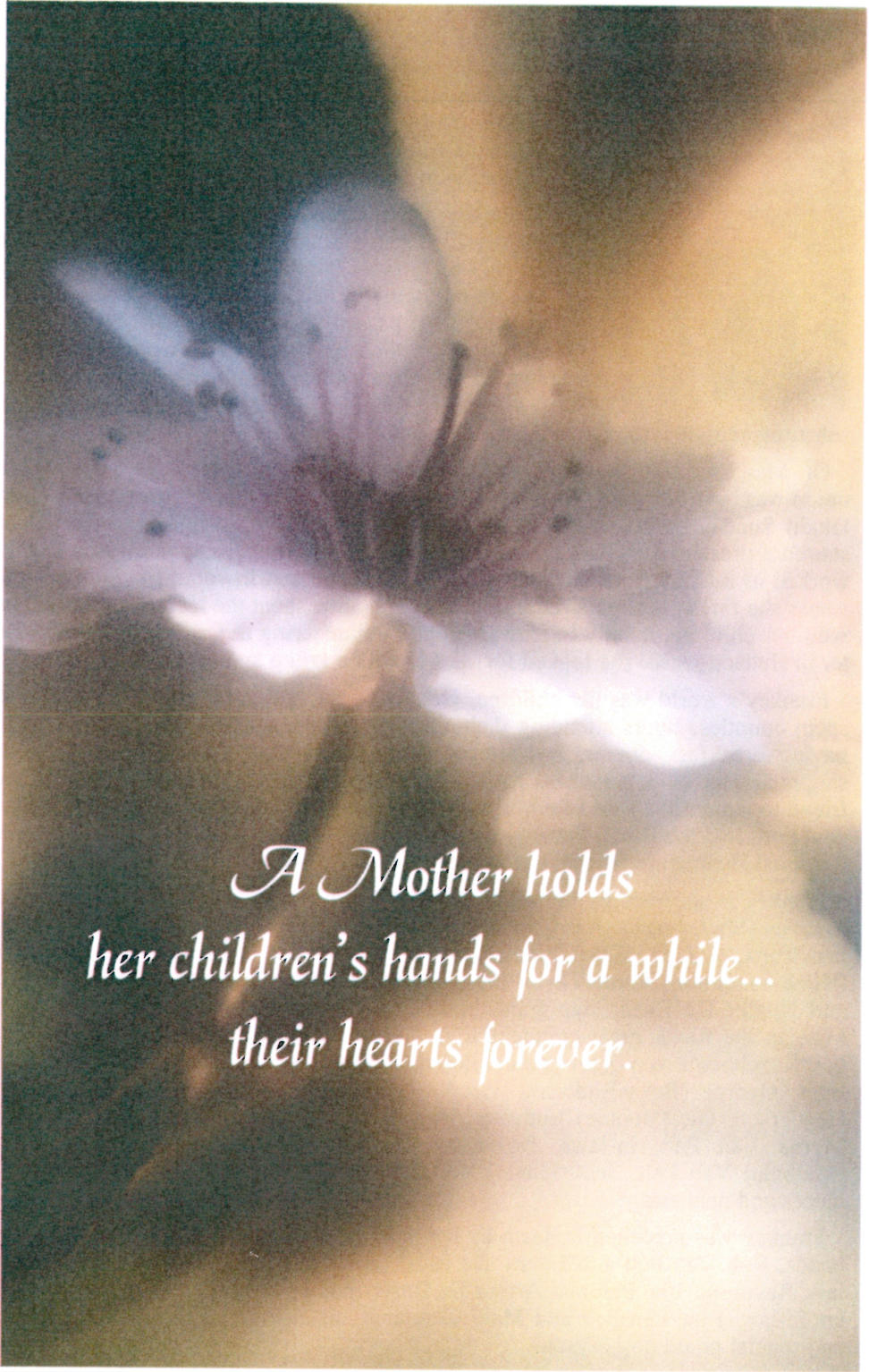
*You heard God's whisper calling you home,
you didn't want to go and leave us alone.*

*You loved us so much, you held on tight,
till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight.*

*He had called your name twice before,
you knew you couldn't make him wait anymore.*

*So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away,
knowing that with our love we will be together again someday.*

~ Mary Estelle



*A Mother holds
her children's hands for a while...
their hearts forever.*



Frankey Marie De Raad was born April 4, 1943, in San Luis Obispo, CA to George and Leona (Laidig) Enderson. She graduated from Estherville High School in Estherville, IA in 1961. She attended Estherville Jr. College from 1962-1964 and graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, IA with a degree in Education in 1967.

Frankey was united in marriage to Robert Van Pelt on July 23, 1966. She taught 6th grade in Orange City. To this union was born Michele (Shelly) and Kristi. The family moved to Des Moines, IA for Robert's work. Robert passed away on July 24, 1974. Frankey and the girls then moved back to Orange City to be near family. She worked as the church secretary for the American Reformed Church in Orange City and substitute taught at the Orange City Elementary School.

On May 24, 1980, Frankey was united in marriage to Lonny De Raad. To this union was born Michael. They resided on the home farm near Hudson, SD. Frankey taught Sunday school at the Community Reformed Church in Hawarden, IA and started a preschool in Hudson. Lonny passed away on February 17, 1992. Frankey worked as a CNA from 1998 until 2014 in Hudson and Inwood, IA. Due to health issues she finally accepted retirement at age 71. She spent the last seven years living with her children, mainly in Hawarden and volunteering at the Senior Citizen Center in Hudson where she looked forward to coffee group and cards.

Frankey's world was her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, as she spent countless hours attending their sporting events, school events, social events, having breakfast, dinner, and supper dates, babysitting, having sleepovers, and shopping. Her kind, generous, patient demeanor and caring faithfulness made her a friend to many. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and enjoyed reading her daily devotions and the Bible. Frankey died Friday, November 19, 2021, at the Hawarden Regional Healthcare Hospital at the age of 78.

Frankey is survived by her children, Shelly (Mike) Vonk, Kristi (Tim) Pies, and Michael (Shannon) De Raad; stepson, Neal (Carolyn) De Raad; grandchildren, Amber Vonk, Ashley (Kane Fiedler) Vonk, Courtney (Austin) Rozeboom, Colton (Kilee Sandbulte) Vonk, Taylor Pies, Emma Pies, Lily De Raad, Andrew De Raad, and Hunter De Raad; step-grandchildren, Max (Emily Lundberg) De Raad, and Morgan De Raad; great-grandchildren, Carson Fiedler, Peyton Fiedler, and baby boy Rozeboom; step-great-grandchildren, Aryah De Raad, and Thea De Raad; siblings, George (Bev) Enderson, Cecilia Gerstandt, Mildred Feldhacker, Mary Jo Henderson, Ole (Bonnie) Enderson, and Tyrone (Lori) Enderson; mother-in-law, Myrna Van Pelt; in-laws, Rosemary (Alvin) Wissink, Kathy Van Pelt, Bill (Melinda) Van Pelt, Scott (Janet) Van Pelt, and Ginny (Gary) Vaden; and many nieces and nephews.

Frankey was preceded in death by her parents, George and Leona Enderson; husbands, Rob Van Pelt and Lonny De Raad; great-grandson, Ezra Vonk; fathers-in-law, Raymond Van Pelt and Arthur De Raad; mother-in-law, Josie De Raad; brothers-in-law, Ron Van Pelt and Marv Gerstandt; sister-in-law, Elnora (Bud) Erikson and special grand dog, Tyson.

In Loving Memory of Frankey Marie De Raad

April 4, 1943 ~ November 19, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Wednesday, November 24, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Joshua Lowe

ORGANIST

Julie Hummel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"In the Garden"
"Amazing Grace"

PALLBEARERS

Tim Pies ~ Neal De Raad
Mike Vonk ~ Max De Raad
Colton Vonk ~ Austin Rozeboom

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Amber Vonk ~ Ashley Vonk
Courtney Rozeboom ~ Taylor Pies
Emma Pies ~ Lily De Raad
Andrew De Raad ~ Hunter De Raad ~ Morgan De Raad

INTERMENT

West Lawn Cemetery
Orange City, Iowa

Frankey's family invites everyone to the Hawarden Community Center following the funeral service for a time of food and fellowship.